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INTERDIVISIONAL TASK FORCE ON ALLERTON/ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENCE GOALS
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MIDWINTER MEETING REPORT

AASL/ALSC/YASD JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Attached is a copy of the Interdivisional Task Force's mission statement and action plan that has been formulated since the Annual Conference in San Francisco.

I would appreciate your comments on this document, especially regarding other committees with parallel concerns related to our task that we should contact, elements that are not addressed but should be included, how the action plan will be implemented and what actions should receive priority.

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Interdivisional Task Force
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MISSION STATEMENT: The Task Force will determine directions and strategies to assist youth services personnel in meeting the information needs, providing adequate library resources, and maintaining an environment that will foster the intellectual, emotional and social development of youth.

ACTION PLAN:

A. Develop strategies to increase proficiency of youth services librarians in effective management techniques, assessment of resources, research into patron needs and evaluation of services.

--- effective statistical measures for the individual youth services professional to compile.

--- application of performance measures in public library youth departments.

B. Develop strategies to increase the impact and political effectiveness of youth service units on state, local and national levels.

--- form coalitions with groups inside and outside of ALA.

--- compile national demographics to influence national leaders and to serve as a model for state and local assessment efforts.

--- develop guidelines to aid state and local organizations in increasing their political effectiveness.

C. Develop strategies to increase recruitment and improve educational preparation of youth services personnel.

--- survey curriculum of accredited library schools and information science departments.

--- promote positive image of library science careers.

D. Develop strategies to assess and improve the competencies of working professionals.

--- continuing education programs

--- local staff development workshops

--- targeting competencies

--- management skills

--- research and evaluation skills